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BEST NOT "BIT."

SENATOR Joseph I. France, of Maryland, prefers the word "best" to the borrowed English word "bit." "Every citizen," says he, "should join in a spirit of conciliation and co-operation to do not his English bit, but his American best to perfect an invincible national organization." Mr. France hopes he will soon see the spirit of distrust and malignancy eliminated from our legislation. He believes the people can be trusted to conduct their business patriotically during the present emergency and should be allowed, rather than compelled to do so. This is the spirit in Maryland, Senator France declares, and the people of that state remember that unity of the action alone can win the war.

OBEY THE LAW.

WOMEN who are trying to win the right to participate in the making of laws should obey the law. Sixteen suffragists were sentenced to 60 days' imprisonment for causing an unlawful assembly before the White House, where they have been making nuisances of themselves and have been heaping ridicule upon the nation by their silly antics. This is the way the New York Commercial looks at it for the editor reviews the situation as follows:

"A few days before a small squad of them received a three days' sentence and when this example did no good the judge was forced to inflict a more severe penalty.

"In this free country no class can presume to declare itself above the law and women of education and high social station should not attempt to impose on good nature.

"Neither is the Government of the United States nor are the Washington police trying to defeat the movement in favor of the franchise for women. Any person has a natural right to criticize the law in existence and to advocate the passage of any other law, but every law-abiding citizen must obey the laws that we have. If each person in the country should exercise a right to observe or to treat the law as he saw fit a state of anarchy would be created at once. In these columns the advisability of making changes in the constitution of the United States, often has been discussed. Any one has a right to advocate an amendment to the fundamental law of the United States, as expressed in its constitution and even to go so far as to advocate the abolition of the constitution itself. The suffragists are free to express their views and to resort to all the ordinary methods of electioneering, as they have done with great success.

"Women will vote throughout the United States before many years. But these excitable women who have tried to annoy the President of the United States in the midst of one of the greatest crises in its history are creating a certain degree of antagonism against their cause which tends to delay its fruition. As the fines imposed were only twenty-five dollars apiece and all those convicted can easily raise that amount of money they cannot be regarded as martyrs, even if they do serve their terms in prison during an uncomfortable warm summer.

"Some of their husbands are invoking the ancient law that a man is entitled to his wife's services and are paying their fines to bring them out of jail whether they like it or not, which puts a comic touch on the whole affair."

PERIL OF PROHIBITION

NATIONAL prohibition bears no natural relation to the food control bill, but its injection into the debates has delayed the passage of this vital measure. It might be proper to give President Wilson or the food controller authority to limit the use of foodstuffs in the manufacture of spirituous and fermented beverages during the war, but the principle of prohibition is another matter. Those who advocate national prohibition should introduce a separate bill and thus raise a square cut issue. The Prohibitionists seek to win by a trick that would put a law on the statute books as a rider to which the majority of the people are opposed. If the majority is in favor of prohibition why resort to this trick? No sumptuary law can be enforced without the support of a large majority of the people, and the attempt to force Prohibition through Congress in this underhand way is little short of blackmail, because it is an effort to extort something by threatening to block the prosecution of the war if the majority does not yield to a small minority of obstructionists.

Even more objectionable is the amendment which the senate has incorporated in the bill as section 23, to create a war committee consisting of five senators and five representatives to supervise war expenditures, with power to interrogate the heads of departments concerning the conduct of the war and to report to their two houses the result of such inquiries. The president has notified Congress that he will regard the adoption of this sentiment as arising from a lack of confidence in himself in which, he presumably means, that he will be forced to veto the bill if it contains the objectionable clause when it is presented to him for signature. This would cause weeks of delay which is exactly what the pro-German element in Congress is striving for in order to serve their lord and master, the German emperor.

Congress has been only too willing to put the burden of responsibility on the president's shoulders whenever a possible loss of votes is involved. This attempt to handicap him in prosecuting the war will be resented by every loyal American. The proper and constitutional way is to let the president have a free hand as Commander in Chief of the forces and hold him responsible for the conduct of the war.

If Congress desires to come in closer contact with the president and his cabinet it should give the members of the cabinet the right to sit in both houses to answer questions and take part in debate, much as the members of the British cabinet do in the House of Lords and the House of Commons do. This would enable the executive branch of the government to keep Congress fully informed at all times and to expedite administration measures in a proper way. As it is members of the cabinet are forced to hold private conferences with members of committees of both houses, a practice which is always subject to abuse and suspicion.

Tonopah is the only place in the country that can smile in the face of an ice famine in July. This is a pretty comfortable country after all where the mercury sits enthroned around 57 degrees at night when a fellow seeks the solace of a deserved rest.

Those Berlin caterers who were sent to prison must have violated the law calling for a clean plate after every meal.

The only collar that does not wilt in warm weather is the collar of the big beer mug. It seems to grow higher with the high cost of living.

If the ice famine keeps up we will have to put soap in the booze to make the suds look familiar.

ATHLETES IN THE ARMY WITHOUT CONSCRIPTION

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 31.—The fact that comparatively few names of athletes prominent in the various lines of amateur sports appeared among those drawn in the recent draft is accounted for by the fact that many of these men previously had volunteered and already are connected with the various organizations in the two arms of the United States service. Recent news items of entire football teams entering either the army or navy organizations have been frequent and the many ambulance units which now are in training, or already in active service in France, are made up of collegians which include among the number scores of athletes prominent in intercollegiate competition.

Among those drawn were William Marcus, California state doubles tennis champion and Louis Ghiradelli, University of California varsity pitcher and all around athlete. Marcus has been serving with the navy, and Ghiradelli has almost completed his three months intensive training at the military Presidio for a commission.

The names of professional baseball players, however, appear frequently. Among those playing with the Pacific coast league are "Red" Oldham and "Duff" Schaller of the

San Francisco team, Henry Krause and Hack Miller of Oakland; Gus Gleickman, Quinn and Alva Gipe of Vernon; Zeb Terry the Los Angeles shortstop and Jack Fournier the Angel pitcher; and Rube Evans and Ollie Kirmeyer of Salt Lake.

The showing of the San Francisco team of the Pacific coast league in its last series with the Oakland club in which the former managed to win only one game, followed by the loss of the series to Los Angeles, has been disquieting to the followers of Berry's aggregation. It generally is regarded as one of the inevitable slumps which comes to every team during a season and is not associated with the loss of Harry Wolverton, the former manager. For more than a month after Wolverton left, the team quite maintained its standing, so his departure is regarded as too remote to have had any influence in the present case.

The struggle for the batting supremacy in the Pacific coast league between Bassler of Los Angeles and Fitzgerald of San Francisco continues to be one of the features of the pennant race. Less than a dozen points separate them and they have maintained this relative position for some time.

BASEBALL GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Standing of Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	61	36	.629
Boston	58	35	.624
Detroit	51	45	.531
Cleveland	52	47	.525
New York	48	45	.516
Washington	40	55	.421
Philadelphia	34	56	.378
St. Louis	36	61	.371

Yesterday's Games

(By Associated Press.)
 BOSTON, July 31.—Ruth allowed Chicago only four hits in the opening game of the series between Boston and Chicago and the leaders were defeated 3 to 1. The victory places Boston within one game of tying Chicago for the lead.

(By Associated Press.)
 PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—Bagby kept the home team's hits well scattered and Cleveland won 6 to 1. Myers was driven off the rubber in the ninth inning and H. Johnson went in and stopped the rally. Jamieson and Roth each made three singles and a double in five times at bat.

(By Associated Press.)
 NEW YORK, July 31.—New York won the opening game of its series from St. Louis here 3 to 2. Both Shotton and Sisler hit home runs for St. Louis in the first inning.

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, July 31.—Detroit hammered a quartette of Washington pitchers for 21 hits and won 16 to 4. Cobb, Veach and Vitt each got four hits.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York	55	30	.647
St. Louis	51	42	.559
Cincinnati	54	46	.540
Philadelphia	45	39	.536
Chicago	47	48	.495
Brooklyn	43	46	.483
Boston	37	51	.420
Pittsburg	31	61	.337

(By Associated Press.)
 ST. LOUIS, July 31.—Philadelphia hit Doak hard in the first two innings and beat St. Louis 3 to 2. Fans in the bleachers showered on the field in the seventh inning when they disagreed with Umpire Byron's decision on a doubtful third strike. The game was suspended for a few minutes while the field was being cleared.

(By Associated Press.)
 CHICAGO, July 31.—Chicago defeated Boston 3 to 1 in the first game of the series. Demaree was hit hard but was given fine support, the visitors spoiling most of their chances by poor base running. They saved themselves from a shutout, however, by bunting a single and double for one run in the ninth.

(By Associated Press.)
 NEW YORK, July 31.—New York lost to Pittsburg here 4 to 3. Carlson was hit hard throughout the game but four double plays kept the visitors from scoring while the Pittsburg hits came at opportune times.

(By Associated Press.)
 CINCINNATI, July 31.—Marquard

was effective when hits meant runs and Brooklyn had little trouble in defeating Cincinnati here 7 to 3. Both Ring and Pillette were hit hard.

BELGIANS DEPORTED TO WORK FOR GERMANS

(By Associated Press.)

HAVRE, July 31.—Deportations of Belgians from Mons continues. They probably will be forced to work for the Germans on the French front.

KAISER COMPLIMENTS HIS TROOPS AT REGA

(By Associated Press.)

COPENHAGEN, July 31.—The Kaiser left Mitau. He went down the river to Riga front where he complimented the troops.

The vice president of China denies that he is a pro monarchist. We suppose he is one of those politicians who are pro in dry territory and anti in the wet.—Houston Post.

The Charleston News and Courier wants the president's cabinet expanded. The cabinet is big enough. The only trouble is, several members rattle around in it.—Houston Post.

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